counting a time which elapses from said acquiring of said reference time;

selecting at least one of said plurality of cities;

automatically calculating a local time of said selected city based on the difference between the GMT of said selected city and the GMT of a present location of said apparatus, said reference time and said elapsed time; and

displaying said calculated local time.

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Advisory Action dated February 26, 2001. The Advisory Action is based on a final Office Action dated November 6, 2000. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. Claims 1-2, 5-8, 11 and 12 of the application are pending. Independent claims 1 and 6 are amended. Claims 3 and 9 are cancelled without prejudice.
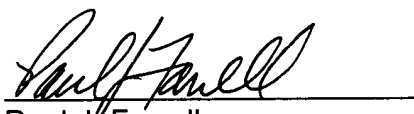
The Examiner rejected the pending claims of the application as follows: claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 11 and 12 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Mardhekar in view of Smolinske (U.S. Patent 5,655,218); and claims 6 and 8 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Kataoka et al. (U.S. Patent 5,448,532) in view of Smolinske (U.S. Patent 5,655,218). The Examiner further stated in her Response to Amendment After Final contained in the Advisory Action that the claims of the present invention do not state that the time is calculated automatically without user intervention. It is believed that independent claims 1 and 6 as amended are distinguishable over the cited references in this respect.

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The claims as amended now recite a means (Claim 1) and a step (Claim 6) of "automatically calculating a local time...based on...*a present location of said apparatus.*" A device resulting from the combination of Mardhekar and Smolinske does not contain this element of Claims 1 and 6, nor does the Kataoka/Smolinske combination with respect to Claim 6.

Amended Claims 1 and 6 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2, 5, 7, 8, 11 and 12, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-3, 5, 7-9, 11 and 12 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 11 and 12, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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Requirements as per C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(ii)

Rewritten claims marked up top show all the changes relative to the previous version:

1.   (Thrice Amended) An apparatus for displaying local time information, comprising:

means for storing Greenwich mean time (GMT) information for each of a plurality of cities;

means for acquiring a reference time from a signal received from a remote system;

means for counting a duration of time that elapses from when said reference time is acquired;

means for selecting at least one of said plurality of cities and <u>automatically</u> calculating a local time of said selected city, said local time being based on a difference between the GMT of said selected city and the GMT of a present location of said apparatus, said reference time and said elapsed time; and

means for outputting said local time.

6.   (Thrice Amended) In an apparatus having a display and a memory for storing Greenwich mean time (GMT) information for each of a plurality of cities, a method for generating local time information, comprising the steps of:

acquiring a reference time from a signal received from a remote system;

counting a time which elapses from said acquiring of said reference time;

selecting at least one of said plurality of cities;

automatically calculating a local time of said selected city based on the difference between the GMT of said selected city and the GMT of a present location of said apparatus, said reference time and said elapsed time; and

displaying said calculated local time.